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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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claim 1 and 44. Claims 1, 44 and 48 each define that the step of subculturing involving the use of a basal medium that lacks a growth regulator having cytokinin activity. It is therefore submitted that claims 1-18, 40 and 42-48 claimed in the present application are not disclosed or suggested in Stojakowska et al., in view of Murthy et al., and Cellarova, et al., and removal of the objection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is requested.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in a condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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